

**FROM THE GROUND UP: BUILDING CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS TO SUCCEED  
An Exchange Program for Emerging Grassroots Leaders in Turkey and the U.S.**

**PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM**

*REVIEW THE PROGRAM SUMMARY AND REQUIREMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION*

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_  
MM/DD/YYYY

**First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Country of Residence:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Citizenship:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Place of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Passport number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Expiration Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
MM/DD/YYYY

**Issuing Country:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gender (F/M):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Marital Status (circle one):**    **Single**            **Married**            **Separated**            **Divorced**            **Widowed**

**Home:**

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Mobile:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work:**

**Employer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

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**In which of the three program areas do you currently work or are you interested in working in?**

- ☐ Women's empowerment
- ☐ Youth empowerment
- ☐ Environmental awareness and activism

**Please state your current title, employer, and employment start date:**

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Title	Employer	Start Date
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**Please summarize your current job responsibilities:**

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**Please provide the following information for your previous jobs (up to three):**

Title	Employer Name	Dates of Employment	Job Responsibilities

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**Please describe any internships and/or volunteer experiences you have had working with grassroots organizations or other community-based activities:**

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**What would you like to be doing professionally in five years? Please describe.**

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**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND & LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

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**Please provide the following information regarding your post high school education:**

<b>Degree/Level:</b>			
<b>Area of Study:</b>			
<b>Institution:</b>			
<b>Date Obtained:</b>			

**Please list any other relevant training programs, certificates, awards, etc.:**

Description	Date
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**Have you taken any standardized language tests (i.e. TOEFL, IELTS, etc.)? If yes, please provide the following:**

Name of Test	Score	Date Taken
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**Please indicate your level of proficiency in reading, writing, and speaking in your native language, English, and any other languages in which you are proficient:**

<b>TURKISH</b>			
	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Writing</b>	<b>Speaking</b>
<b>Excellent</b>			
<b>Good</b>			
<b>Fair</b>			
<b>Poor</b>			

<b>Other: _____</b>			
	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Writing</b>	<b>Speaking</b>
<b>Excellent</b>			
<b>Good</b>			
<b>Fair</b>			
<b>Poor</b>			

<b>ENGLISH</b>			
	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Writing</b>	<b>Speaking</b>
<b>Excellent</b>			
<b>Good</b>			
<b>Fair</b>			
<b>Poor</b>			

<b>Other: _____</b>			
	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Writing</b>	<b>Speaking</b>
<b>Excellent</b>			
<b>Good</b>			
<b>Fair</b>			
<b>Poor</b>			

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**GENERAL QUESTIONS**

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*You may attach a total of two single spaced sheets if additional space is needed for your answers to the following questions. Indicate the number(s) of the question(s) you are answering on the attached sheet(s).*

**1. What appeals to you about participating in an intercultural exchange program?**

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**2. What are your expectations regarding learning from and collaborating with American participants in both the U.S. and Turkey throughout the program period and beyond?**

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**3. What is your experience, if any, with diversity and multiculturalism.**

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**4. How would you describe the current status of the NGO community in Turkey? How do you think it can be improved?**

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**5. Of the training topics listed in the program summary (Organizational Development, Leadership Skills, Project Evaluation and Assessment, Fund Raising, Volunteer Management, Communication and Technology, Multicultural Cooperation and Diversity), which three are of the most interest to you and why?**

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**6. How do you define “leadership” and what do you think is the most important trait for a leader to have and why?**

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**7. In your own words, please describe your leadership style.**

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**8. Please describe your current role as a leader. If you are not currently in a leadership role, describe your past leadership experience or your goals for being a leader in the future.**

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**9. Describe why you are interested in the program area in which you are currently working or seek to work in (women’s empowerment, youth empowerment, or environmental awareness and activism).**

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**10. In your opinion, what are the three most pressing needs in your area of interest (women's empowerment, youth empowerment, or environmental awareness and activism)?**

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**11. Are you willing to host, or find someone (family member, colleague, etc.) to host an American participant (requires separate and private sleeping area from other household members) for all or part of the ten day Turkey-based program to take place in October, 2010? A small stipend will be provided to cover hosting costs. If yes, please state the length of time you can arrange to host a participant and with whom the American would stay.**

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**12. Have you travelled outside of Turkey? If yes, please provide the following information:**

Destination	Dates traveled	Purpose of trip (holiday, educational, etc.)
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**Please also complete the "Contact Information for References" Form**

**APPLICATION IS DUE NOVEMBER 30, 2009**

**PLEASE SEE REQUIREMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO  
SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION FORM AND ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS.**